

REMARKS

The applicants have carefully reviewed the office action mailed on November 16, 2004. In response to the Office action, the applicant has amended the abstract so that it is in compliance with §608.01(b) of the M.P.E.P. In addition, the applicant has amended the specification to refer to reference numeral 1008 in Figure 10. These amendments are believed to overcome the objections to the abstract and drawing figures.

In the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9, 11-12 and 16-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by published U.S. Patent Application No. US-2003/0177030 A1 by Turner et al. (hereinafter "Turner"). Referring to the Office action, the Examiner identifies the Turner reference as teaching a business rule as claimed. While Turner does discuss the use access privileges to allow access to data, Turner does not teach or suggest "receiving a business rule" as specified in independent claims 1, 17, 21 and 24. Accordingly, the Turner reference does not disclose all of the elements and limitations of the independent claims and claims depending therefrom and does not anticipate under 35 U.S.C. §102.

The Examiner also rejected claims 10, 13 and 14-15 over combinations of references with Turner under 35 U.S.C. §103. Because Turner does not teach "receiving a business rule," the references do not teach an element of the claims and therefore a prima facie case of obviousness has not been established. Accordingly these claims are not rendered obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions about this Amendment and to facilitate prosecution, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney.

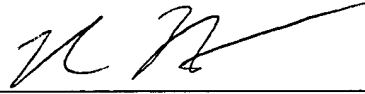
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